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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 17 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 10/260,821, filed September 27, 2002, which is the parent of this divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

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Respectfully submitted,

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